

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Title section with the following amended Title section:

~~1,2,4-THIADIAZOLE COMPOUNDS AND USE THEREOF~~

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

1,2,4-Thiadiazole Compounds And Use Thereof

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a section 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2002/011644, filed November 8, 2002, which was published in the Japanese language on May 21, 2004, under International Publication No. WO 2004/041798 A1 and the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

At page 1, line 16, please amend the heading to read as follows:

~~Disclosure of the Invention~~ **BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

At page 2, after line 20, please add the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION